

# **NORTH PROVIDENCE SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES JANUARY 27, 2016**

**OPEN SESSION: In Attendance: School Committee Members: Marciano, Picard, Andreozzi, Cataldi, DaSilva, Iannetta, Palmieri; Superintendent Smith, Assistant Superintendent Jacques, Special Education Director Jones, Finance Director McNamee, Legal Counsel Henneous**

**I. Call to Order at 7:38 PM**

**II. Salute of Flag / Moment of Silence**

**III. Report Out Votes Taken in Exec Session: None**

**III. a. Reorganization: Motion to continue with same slate of Committee leadership positions:**

**Mr. Marciano as Chair; Mrs. Picard as Vice Chair and Mr. Andreozzi as Clerk**

**Motion: Mr. Palmieri Second: Mr. Iannetta Voted: 7 – 0**

**IV. Correspondence: None**

**V. Public Comments: None**

**VI. Superintendent's Report:**

**1. Superintendent's Communication**

**a. McGuire Elementary School Presentation: Mr. Meagher presented**

**to the Committee:**

**Highlights include:**

**New Letterhead containing new mission statement**

**Science NECAP Scores: 55% proficient: Above State average;  
demographics in sub scores**

**Continue: Scientific Inquiry Process / FOS Kits / non fiction library /  
Professional Dev Library**

**Parent communications in Spanish also include school policies**

**MTTS: School Wide Reward System / Multi Tiered System of Support/  
PAWS Reward System**

**Technology: Continued use/acquisition: Whiteboards/ Laptop  
computers/ Docu Cameras/ I Pads**

**Mainstream/ELL Teachers: collaboration/adapt materials**

#### **b. Full Service Schools Partnership**

**Presentation: Mrs. Goho: Principal: Birchwood Middle School:**

**Mrs. Goho provided the Committee with a three page proposal to  
address student engagement with recommended behavioral health  
care treatment and to coordinate this care.**

**Highlights Include: On Site Behavioral Health Services provided by  
Gateway Healthcare**

**Mental Health Services beyond what school is capable of providing  
Gateway to use Birchwood facility to facilitate mental health therapy  
for those students and families that cannot transport to Gateway's  
offices**

**Goal: Full Service School Model**

**2. Finance Report as Submitted: Motion: Mrs Picard Second: Mr. Iannetta Voted 7 – 0**

**Discussion: Mrs. Picard: question over frequency of trash removal bills**

**3. Home School Requests: NONE**

**4. Field Trips as Submitted: Motion: Mrs Picard Second: Mr. Andreozzi Voted: 7 – 0**

**5. Winter Ball Contract: Motion: Mr. Iannetta Second: Mr. Cataldi Voted: 7 – 0**

**6. One Year Designation of Legal Counsel Motion: Mr. DaSilva Second: Mr. Cataldi Voted: 7 - 0**

**7. Job Description: IT Education Motion: Mr. Iannetta Second: Mr. Cataldi Voted: 7 – 0**

**8. Textbook Removal from Inventory: Motion: Mrs. Picard Second: Mr. Andreozzo Voted: 7 – 0**

**9. Bids: NONE**

**10. Resignations as Submitted: Motion: Mrs. Picard Second: Mr.**

**Iannetta Voted: 7 -0**

**11. Retirements: NONE**

**12. Leaves of Absence as Submitted: Motion: Mr. Andreozzi Second: Mrs. Picard Voted: 7 – 0**

**13 Layoff(s)/ Non renewal: NONE**

**14. Appointments as Submitted: Motion: Mr. Iannetta Second: Mr. Cataldi Voted: 7 – 0**

**15. Layoff Recission(s) NONE**

**16. Displacements: NONE**

**17. Rhode Island Student Survey: Motion: Mr. Iannetta Second: Mrs. Picard Voted: 7 – 0**

**18. Revised HR Coordinator Job Description:**

**Motion: Mr. Andreozzi Second: Mr. Palmieri Voted: 7 – 0**

**19. Revised Assistant Superintendent's Secretary Job Description:**

**Motion: Mr. Andreozzi Second: Mr. DaSilva Voted: 7 – 0**

**20. Camera System RFP: TABLED**

**21. Subcommittee Assignments: Announced by Chair. No vote taken.**

**VII: School Committee Reports: NONE**

**VIII: Requests to Address Committee:**

**1. Nestor Khupi: Owner Wine & Cheese Restaurant: Mr. Khupi addressed the Committee: Concerns:**

- Hammersmith Estates Project: Wrong from beginning/ nothing ever done to stop or correct project**
- Town has been non responsive; Discord: Neighbors and developers;**
- Project opposed by Planning Board**
- Second Version of Project: how project will affect the school system**
- Blasting Stage: not allowed by Planning Board: disruptive; not enough insurance money to cover possible damages to building foundations including Centredale School**
- David Westcott from Town Planning: No blasting under new development plan under new project owner.**
- Mr. Khupi: project poses safety hazard for public school children: difficulty with buses into development; no sidewalks**
- Traffic lights: Smith Street is too narrow and already congested**
- Cost of children going to schools from development: 8 units at current per pupil expenditure: \$120,000 for 8 children: Property taxes of 4 or 5 thousand per unit will not come close to covering this.**

## **2. Naming Rights to Schools: Mr. Andreozzi / Mr. Palmieri:**

- Mr. Andreozzi: as the School Dept. goes forward and has hired a consultant for facilities, naming rights can be another tool for passage in the community. Look into RFP and Grants**
- Mr. Palmieri: looking for more info in terms of a policy that can be part of the new facilities upgrade concerning naming rights**
- Superintendent: Policy for Naming Rights can be a tool for Gilbane's promotion; a selling point**
- Also the North Providence Educational Foundation Web Site can be used for this purpose**

## **3. Camera on Buses: Mr. Andreozzi:**

- Looking for an update on money received and where we stand in process**
- John McNamee: Purchasing internal cameras for buses approximately \$1500 per bus for only one camera and there are 18 buses**
- Also North Providence only receives 12.5% of monies levied in fines from external cameras. Not enough money to buy internal cameras**
- Current bus contract is a 2 year contract with 3 One year extensions**
- Mr. DaSilva: attended an interview with Durham Bus Company. Company is looking to make inroads into serving RI and has latest technology for bus tracking and internal and external cameras. They also indicated they will respond to any bus RFP in future.**

**IX: Use of Property Requests as Submitted: Motion: Mr. Palmieri**

**Second: Mrs. Picard Voted 7 – 0**

- **Discussion: Mr. DaSilva: Concern with baseball leagues using gyms for player evaluations given the conditions of the new floors and the considerable amount of money spent on these floors:**

- **Proposal Send Communication to Leagues: No cleats, no hard balls, no hard bats on floor. Also indicate in communication the steps high school's baseball and softball teams are using to protect floors.**

**X. Approval of Bills as Submitted: Motion: Mrs. Picard Second: Mr. Palmieri Voted: 7 – 0**

**XI. Approval of Minutes: Executive Session: December 16, 2015: Sealed and Closed:**

**Motion: Mrs. Picard Second: Mr. DaSilva Voted: 7 – 0**

**Open Session: December 16, 2015: Motion: Mrs. Picard Second: Mr. DaSilva Voted: 7 – 0**

**Special Session: January 11, 2016: Motion: Mrs. Picard Second: Mr. DaSilva Voted: 7 - 0**

**ADJOURN: 9:18 PM**

**Respectfully Submitted:**

**Roderick DaSilva**

**Date Submitted to the Committee: February 19, 2016**

**Date Approved by the Committee: February 24, 2016**